

Isabel A. Davis House II  
700 Lexington Avenue  
First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
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Location: 700 Lexington Avenue

Date of Erection: 1888

Description: This two-and-a-half-story house, measuring approximately 22'-6" x 47', is wood frame with a brick veneer. The side-gable roof has a central cross gable with a round-arched window in the gable. There is a bracketed cornice and a hexagonal oriel. All windows have segmental arches. There is a one-story porch across the front.

History: After living next door at No. 704-06 for at least fifteen years, Isabel A. Davis built this house in 1888. She lived here until 1900, when she sold it for \$5,000 to Joseph W. Carter, a dentist with offices in the Masonic Temple building. Carter, who had a wife, three children, and a servant in 1900, stayed here until his death in the 1930s.

Sources: Maps: 1882, 1894. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 45/503, 125/294, 432/178, 432/186, 560/519. U.S. Census, 1900.

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